

Amendments to the specification:

The priority claim that was made in the declaration form is in addition inserted into the specification. Correction of the USPTO records to reflect the priority claim is respectfully requested.

SHORT CHANGE GEAR

Priority from the European Patent Application 03100580.4 is claimed, the content of which is herewith incorporated entirely by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to transmissions for use in motor vehicles and, more particularly, to a short change gears.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

A transmission is known from the European Patent EP 1 067 312. This kind of transmission can be configured as manual or automatic change gear or also as a power shift gear. In all of these variations the 2 output shafts are in torque transmitting connection with the drive shaft. In the manual and the automatic gear change version the transmission is provided with an input shaft that is connected by means of several gear sets with the first and with the second output shaft. Each gear set is provided with a fixed gear and a shiftable loose gear. Even though all gear shift mechanisms for shifting the loose wheels are located on the output shafts the interleaved positions of the fixed gears on the input shaft results in a certain overall length of the transmission that is longer than the space needed just for the loose wheels with the gear shift mechanisms. This applies also for the power shift gear version comprising 2 input shafts positioned coaxially to